



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 05-39

September 2, 2005

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19 and G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of its 2005 Energy Efficiency Plan.

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On May 20, 2005, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") the Company's 2005 energy efficiency plan ("2005 Plan"). WMECo filed its 2005 Plan pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 ("Guidelines"). The 2005 Plan includes programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial customers. WMECo proposes (1) budgets for these programs and (2) a method for calculating shareholder incentives that differs from the method set forth in the Guidelines.

On August 1, 2005, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") filed a report ("Report") with the Department and the Company stating that WMECo's 2005 Plan is consistent with statewide energy efficiency goals. The Department will investigate whether the 2005 Plan is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, and the Guidelines.

Any person wishing to submit written comments regarding WMECo's 2005 Plan and the DOER Report should file an original and four (4) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Wednesday, September 28, 2005. One copy of comments must also be sent to the Company's counsel, Stephen Klionsky, 100 Summer Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma) or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket of the filing (D.T.E. 05-39); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Copies of WMECo's 2005 Plan and the DOER Report are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090, and at WMECo's Legal Department, 100 Summer Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2131. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact WMECo's counsel, Stephen Klionsky at (617) 345-1066. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Keene, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at 617-305-3500.



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Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company") shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, September 28, 2005, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments ("Notice") in either the Boston Globe or Boston Herald, the Springfield Union News, and the Berkshire Eagle. WMECo shall also post by mail a copy of the attached Notice fourteen days (14) days prior to the close of the comment period, to the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources; Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc. and the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network. The Company shall also make return of service and proof of publication at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/  
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary